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Practitioner's Docket No. DEE6270P0180US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Arthur et al.

Application No.: 09/945,540
Filed: August 29, 2001
For: Composite Floor For Utility Vehicle

Group No.: 3612
Examiner: Dennis Pedder

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:

Prior to abandonment of the application and prior to payment of issue fee.

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:
A copy of the previously filed Amendment B After Final.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

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Date: May 19, 2003

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FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: \$750.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE			ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	33	—	33	=	0	x	\$	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	2	—	3	=	0	x	\$	= \$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+	\$	= \$	0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE								\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the first and second month is:

Fee: \$410.00

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$750.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$410.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$1,160.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$1,160.00.

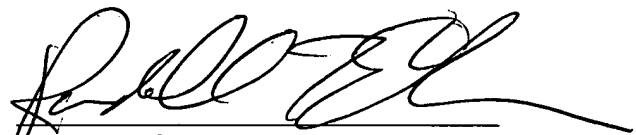
Please charge any required additional fee(s) for §1.17(e), §1.16(b)-(d) and/or §1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 50-1606.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

Date: May 19, 2003

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Amendment B After Final

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of December 20, 2002, wherein the Examiner rejected claims 1-14, 16-18, and 22-24, objected to claims 19-21 and allowed claims 25-34, all claims pending.

In The Specification

On page 4 after the second paragraph, at line 16 please amend the paragraph added by Amendment A to read as follows:

--The structure 30 includes a back rail 57 that provides a window sealing surface (Figure 2). The structure 30 includes side rails 58, 59 (Figure 2) adjacent to the door or window opening that increases the overall rigidity of the floor and fender structure 30 as well as providing door or window sealing surfaces.--